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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT EARLY WARNING: DYNO INDUSTRIER METHANOL
PLANT IN EMDEN.

REF: OSLO 4400 (NOVEMBER 1973) NOTAL

1. REFTEL ANNOUNCED THAT DYNO INDUSTRIER - A NORWEGIAN
MULTINATIONAL CONGLOMERATE STRONG IN CHEMICALS AND
PLASTICS - ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO CREATE ITS OWN
METHANOL CAPACITY TO ASSURE RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY FOR ITS
PLASTICS PRODUCTION. AT THAT TIME, SCOTLAND OR EMDEN
WERE SAID TO BE THE LIKELY SITES FOR THE FACILITY.

2. IT HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE DYNO METHANOL PLANT
WILL BE LOCATED IN EMDEN. FEEDSTOCK WILL BE NATURAL GAS
FROM THE PHILLIPS GROUP'S EKOFISK FIELD IN THE NORTH SEA
WHICH WILL BE LANDED IN EMDEN BY PIPELINE. THE NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS A ROYALTY CLAIM ON TEN PERCENT OF THE GAS
LANDED, AND IT WILL BE FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S SHARE THAT
DYNO WILL OBTAIN ITS FEEDSTOCK. DYNO IS EXPECTED TO
PURCHASE 300 TO 400 MILLION CUBIC METERS ANNUALLY, AT
A PRICE STILL TO BE NEGOTIATED.

3. INITIAL METHANOL PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO
300,000 TONS ANNUALLY, WITH A LATER CAPACITY OF 600,000
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TONS PLANNED. COST OF THE FACILITY IS ESTIMATED AT SOME

\$75 MILLION (MORE THAN DOUBLE TO ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF \$35 MILLION).

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